

AND GOVERNORS GROVES



2401 Sunnyside Avenue Salt Lake City, Utah 84108 Open Daily from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Free Admission

## Utah's Past Preserved In Groves And Granite

When pioneers first entered the Salt Lake Valley, they beheld a Utah much the same as seen in this nature preserve with its native plants and rustic, untouched beauty.

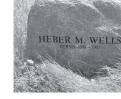
This rare glimpse into Utah's past is both educational and enlightening.

During Utah's history there have been 14 Territorial

Governors and 17 Governors of the State.

Comprised of 14 acres, this urban nature preserve contains trees and vegetation present in the Salt Lake Valley

when the pioneers



arrived in 1847. Much care has been taken to preserve this natural vegetation, and many native plants have been added to beautify and restore the area. Along the extensive walking paths, visitors will encounter such vegetation as Big Sagebrush, Pinyon Pine, Hawthorn, Wild Roses, Rabbitbrush, and Chokecherry trees.

From these humble beginnings, Utah has flourished under the direction of 17 governors, and it is these contributions that are celebrated within this preserve.

## HISTORY OF THE NATURE PRESERVE

1995 - Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt committed to transfer the land to the State of Utah for State Parks use.

1996 - In February, the land was transferred to the State. Plans for the Preserve specified (1) that the land be preserved, as is, (2) that it be tied in with the This Is The Place State Park, and that it be dedicated to the memory of Governor Matheson.

1996 - The Scott M. Matheson Park Foundation was created and assigned jurisdiction over the Preserve.

1996 - In September, a Deed of Conservation Easement (Held by the Sunnyside East Neighborhood Association) was signed ensuring this natural park-like open space will be available for generations allowing them to connect with their historical roots and enjoy recreational activities in a pristine environment.

2003 - A pioneer rock wall was begun along the eastern edge of the Preserve, eventually stretching to more than 1,000 feet.

2004 - Scott M. Matheson Nature Preserve and the Governors Groves were dedicated.

